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LETTER DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of September 1998, and on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States, I have the honour to attach herewith a resolution dated 17 September 1998 adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its one hundred and tenth ordinary session, meeting at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs in Cairo, Egypt. The resolution is entitled "Foreign conspiratorial schemes against the Sudan" (resolution 5794, one hundred tenth ordinary session, 4th meeting, 17 September 1998).

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to this letter and its annex and have them circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir MOUBARAK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Lebanese Republic to the United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group

Annex

Resolution

Foreign conspiratorial schemes against the Sudan

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Having considered the following:

The note from the General Secretariat,

The note from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the League of Arab States No. BDJ/1/10/110 dated 16 August 1998,

The recommendations of the Committee on Political Affairs,

Having heard the report of the delegation of the Sudan on the extent of foreign intervention in the internal affairs of the Sudan, and developments in the foreign schemes to destabilize that country and to threaten its security and territorial integrity,

Recalling resolution No. 189 adopted by the Emergency Arab Summit Conference held at Baghdad from 28 to 30 May 1990,

Recalling also Council resolution Nos. 5374, adopted at the one hundred and first ordinary session from 26 to 27 March 1994, 5746 dated 25 March 1998 (one hundred and ninth session) and 5781 dated 24 August 1998 (extraordinary session),

Resolves

1. To reaffirm resolution No. 5781 adopted at its extraordinary session on 24 August 1998 concerning the United States aggression in bombarding the al-Shifa pharmaceutical factory in Khartoum, considering this to be an act of aggression against the Sudan and a serious violation of that country's sovereignty and territorial integrity, in addition to being a flagrant breach of all international conventions, norms and laws, and of the Charter of the United Nations in particular;

2. To express its regret at the United States threat to carry out a fresh act of aggression against the Sudan, which amounts to disdain for international legitimacy and a blatant violation of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. To support the Sudan in confronting threats to its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and to assist its endeavours in regional and international organizations;

4. To call upon the international community to make a stand against the use of military force to resolve problems between States, and to call for self-

control and the pursuit of a course of political and security dialogue [illegible] based on respect for international legitimacy, the sovereignty of States and non-intervention in their internal affairs;

5. To draw attention to the danger that foreign intervention in the affairs of States members of the League of Arab States poses to regional security and stability;

6. To urge Arab States to continue their endeavours with respect to the provision of increased humanitarian aid to the Sudan in order to alleviate the dire humanitarian situation in that country, and to provide sustained support in order to bring about comprehensive peace in southern Sudan;

7. To request the Secretary-General to do whatever is necessary with regard to the follow-up mechanism and to coordinate with concerned bodies and organizations, foremost among those being the Security Council and the United Nations, on the implementation of the resolutions of the Council of the League to support and champion the Sudan in the aforementioned bodies.